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BULLETIN

TO: All Insurance Companies Doing Business in Tennessee

FROM: Douglas M. Sizemore, Commissioner 

RE: Dose Intensive Chemotherapy/Autologous Bone Marrow or Stem Cell Transplants for the Treatment of Breast Cancer

DATE: September 23, 1996

The Bureau of TennCare recently promulgated an emergency rule outlining the circumstances under which dose intensive chemotherapy/autologous bone marrow transplants or stem cell transplants for the treatment of breast cancer are covered by the program. *Tennessee Code Annotated* § 56-7-2504 provides that, in the event such coverage is provided for patients or enrollees included in the TennCare program, then each insurer proposing to issue individual or group accident and sickness insurance policies providing hospital medical and surgical, or major medical coverage on an expense-incurred basis, each corporation providing individual or group accident and sickness subscription contracts, and each health maintenance organization providing a health care plan for health care services is required to offer the coverage. The coverage may be offered at an additional cost but with no greater deductible or copayment than otherwise applicable.

For all plans subject to this statute, each policy, contract or plan delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in Tennessee after January 1, 1997 must include this mandated offer of coverage. Please provide all filings for approval prior to December 1, 1996.

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